



Shropshire Way Festival of Walks Programme 18-25 September 2021



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Walk No	Organising Group / Walk Leader	Walk Details	Booking Information / Further Details
Saturday 18 September			
1	Love The Hills, Marshall Cale	A varied 8.5 mile ramble with 1150 feet of ascent amidst the wild and rolling countryside of south west Shropshire. The route visits the southern section of the Stiperstones then heads west to Mucklewick Hill and Flenny Bank before returning via the hamlet of Tankerville. A mix of rocky paths, tracks and quiet country lanes with mostly easy ascents. Fabulous views and points of interest. Meet 10:00 at The Bog car park SJ355979	Contact the walk leader, Marshall Cale, 07484 868323
2	Rail Rambles, Nigel Hotchkiss & John Mattocks	A 9.5 mile circular walk from Craven Arms Railway Station following the Shropshire Way to Stokesay Court and returning to Craven Arms via Whettleton Hill, Nortoncamp Wood and Whettleton. If travelling to and from Shrewsbury Railway Station, bus replaces train departing 09:15 and returns from Craven Arms at 16:25. Otherwise meet at Craven Arms Railway Station for walk start at 10:10	From 10:00 Sunday 12 September visit the website https://www.railrambles.org/programme/
3	Wellington Walkers are Welcome as part of Wellington Walking Festival, Naomi Wrighton	A 12.5 mile walk to Little Wenlock, mainly by the Telford T50, then part of the Little Wenlock bench walks to the lunch stop by the pool in Little Wenlock. Return to Wellington by the Shropshire Way. Note the Shropshire Way ascends Little Hill and The Wrekin from the steeper south side. Start 10:15 outside Wellington Leisure Centre, TF1 1LX. Estimated return time 16:30	Booking essential via the website www.wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk/events-1



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4	Shrewsbury Ramblers, Amanda Hartley-Newton	A 9 mile moderate plus walk which starts in Bishop's Castle, heads towards Colebatch Hill, the Reilth Mynd and Mainstone. It then veers north from the Shropshire Way towards the Kerry Ridgeway and follows a panoramic route back to Bishop's Castle. Some steep ascents and a few stiles are worth it for the lovely views across the south Shropshire countryside. Meet 10:30 at the Cattle Market car park, Bishops Castle	Contact the walk leader, Amanda Hartley-Newton, 07730 875274. Limited places
Sunday 19 September			
5	Shrewsbury Hillwalking Club, Gill Pursey	A varied 11 mile walk with 2000 ft of ascent from Cleehill car park on the A4117 (SO595754). The route heads north east across heath and moorland through industrial archaeological sites to Magpie Hill, across Catherton Common to Crumpsbrook and on to Silvington Common and the village of Cleeton St Mary. From Callowgate the route joins the Shropshire Way to the summit of Titterstone Clee and for most of the way back to Cleehill. Meet 08:30 north side of Shrewsbury Abbey to car share to the walk start	Contact the walk leader, Gill Pursey, 07974 771258
6	Market Drayton Ramblers, Steve Elliott	A 9 mile moderate circular walk along parts of the Shropshire Way to include both summits of Brown Clee, both Clee Burf and Abdon Burf, the highest point in Shropshire. Start 09:40 at roadside parking SO608872	Contact the walk leader, Steve Elliott, steve1947@gmail.com or 07969 954566 / 03330 116186
7	Telford & East Shropshire Ramblers, Bob Alton	A 8.25 mile walk in south Shropshire hill country which offers outstanding views as well as a section of the Shropshire Way. Moderate ascents and descents with a couple of slightly stiffer climbs. Meet 10:00 at the motte and bailey car park in Castle Pulverbatch SJ423023, postcode SY5 8DS	Booking essential as limited car parking. Contact the walk leader, Bob Alton, 01952 460770



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8	South Shropshire Ramblers, Geoff Oliver	An 8 mile circular walk from Aston on Clun taking in Burrow and Hopesay hills. Meet 10:00 at Aston on Clun Village Hall (SO394815)	Contact the walk leader, Geoff Oliver, geoff@goqmc.co.uk
9	Self Help Africa	Fundraising walk for Self Help Africa. Linear 12 mile walk of stage 15 of the Shropshire Way from Nesscliffe to Shrewsbury via Wilcott, Felton Butler, Shrawardine and Montford Bridge. Entry fee to include transport to the walk start, light refreshments and a certificate	More details on Self Help Africa's website www.selfhelpafrica.org/uk/shropshire-way/ or phone enquiries to 01743 277170
10	Whitchurch Walkers are Welcome and Wem Walkers, Tony Eccleston	A 5 mile easy walk in the Wem area. Meet 13:15 for a 13:30 start in the car park of the Wem Sports & Social Club, Bowens Field, Wem SY4 5AP (SJ512292). The route explores some of the Shropshire Way from the market town of Wem which can trace its history back to pre Norman times. Join Tony after the walk for refreshments at The Tilley Raven	Via the Walks Programme page of the Whitchurch Walkers website www.whitchurchwalkers.co.uk/programme.html
Monday 20 September			
11	Friends of the Telford T50 50 Mile Trail, Naomi Wrighton	A 9 mile moderate/strenuous circular walk to Little Wenlock mainly by the Telford T50 trail, starting anti-clockwise then clockwise passing through Lodge Field and The Beeches Local Nature Reserves then Lydbrook Dingle before returning via the Shropshire Way. Start 10:00 Ironbridge Toll House, TF8 7JP (SJ672033). Estimated return time 15:30	Booking essential via www.telfordt5050miletrail.org.uk/eventsandsales



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Tuesday 21 September			
12	Shrewsbury Ramblers, Curt Williams	A moderate 9.5 mile walk with approximately 1,000 feet of ascent in the Clun area starting on the Shropshire Way heading towards Bishop's Castle then leaving the Way to go towards Cefn Einion, Bryn and finally Guilden Down before returning to Clun. Meet Clun Memorial Hall, SY7 8NY at 10:00	Contact the walk leader, Curt Williams, 07790 490847
Wednesday 22 September			
13	Rail Rambles Cymru, Alan Davies and Dennis Jones	A 17 mile route from Wellington to Shrewsbury (Stages 10A & 10B) via Rodington, Haughmond and Uffington. Outward journey 08:13 Shrewsbury, arr Wellington 08:25 or 08:33 Shrewsbury, arr 08:47. Walk departs Wellington station at 09:00 arriving Shrewsbury approx 16:30	Email railramblescymru@gmail.com . Details will appear on website https://railrambles.cymru/?page_id=418 Places limited to 20
14	Clun Peramblers, Ted Laidlar	A 7 mile walk from Edgton to Basford Bank, Hopesay and Kempton before returning via Short Wood and Hazel Knap. An interesting mix of undulating farmland, wooded hillsides, gradual ascents and descents with good views. Meet 10:30 at Edgton Village Hall car park (SJ 386855)	Contact the walk leader, Ted Laidlar, ted.laidlar123@btinternet.com or 01547 530924 / 07831 312874
15	Cockshutt P3 group, Janet Hankey	An 8.25 mile circular walk from The Sun at Welshampton at 10:00. The route follows the Shropshire Way along the canal to Ellesmere and then back to Welshampton over undulating fields and on quiet country lanes. The meres and lakes will be scenic and we will have some good views towards the Welsh hills. Toilet and refreshment facilities at Welshampton and Ellesmere and lots of picnic benches en route	Contact the walk leader, Janet Hankey, janethankey@yahoo.com or text on the day 07816 616030



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Wednesday 22 September (continued)			
16	Walking for Health, Telford & Wrekin	Come and experience a small portion of the Shropshire Way as part of the regular Walking for Health, Telford and Wrekin walks. Meet 13:00 at Coalbrookdale Community Centre, Darby Road, TF8 7DX for a 90 minute walk	Contact Lynne Kay 07512 123995
17	Walking for Health, Telford & Wrekin	Come and experience a small portion of the Shropshire Way as part of the regular Walking for Health, Telford and Wrekin walks. Meet 14:00 at Wellington Leisure Centre, TF1 1LX for a 90 minute walk	Contact Lynne Kay 07512 123995
Thursday 23 September			
18	Shrewsbury Ramblers, Di Higgs	An easy 4.5 mile walk in the Lyth Hill area. Panoramic views from the Shropshire Way going south from Bayston Hill, passing the deer farm by Spring Coppice and over to Lythbank. The route continues to Bayston Hill Community Woodland and back on the old Shropshire Way to finish. Meet 10:00 at first car park on Lyth Hill (SJ476 070)	Contact the walk leader, Di Higgs, 07811 974568
19	Bridgnorth Walking Club & Telford & East Shropshire Ramblers, Gill Steed	A 10 mile walk with 1600 feet of ascent starting at 10:00 from Clun Memorial Hall (SJ303813). The route goes south uphill to Woodside, through woods to Clunton, then to Kempton to join the Shropshire Way to Bury Ditches and the Iron Age fort, then via Horrock back to Clun	Contact Marion Law, marionlaw@tiscali.co.uk or 01952 462855
20	Bridgnorth Walking Club & Telford & East Shropshire Ramblers, Marion Law	A shorter less strenuous version of the walk above. 9 miles, 900 feet of ascent starting at 10:00 from Clun Memorial Hall (SJ303813). The route is the same as above from Clun to Clunton but goes via Stepple to reach Bury Ditches	Contact Marion Law, marionlaw@tiscali.co.uk or 01952 462855



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21	Oswestry Ramblers, Trevor Allison	A 7 mile route from Llanymynech. The walk will follow the Shropshire Way alongside the Vyrnwy and Morda rivers then some quiet lane walking and the canal towpath will return us to the town. The one refreshment break will be early lunch beside the Morda river. Meet 11:00 in the car park beside the Dolphin Inn, North Road (B4398) in Llanymynech (SJ266210), 60 metres on the Welsh side of the A483 bridge over the Montgomery Canal and same distance from the crossroads	Contact the walk leader, Trevor Allison, 01939 260899 or eta-06@tiscali.co.uk
22	Whitchurch Walkers are Welcome and Whitchurch Walkers, Kev Ikin	A 6.5 mile circular walk from Coton along a section of the Shropshire Way. Food and drink available at the pub at the end by ordering at the bar. Meet 10:45 for 11:00 start at The Bull & Dog, Coton SY13 2RA (SJ 529343)	Via the Walks Programme page of the Whitchurch Walkers website www.whitchurchwalkers.co.uk/programme.html
23	Shrewsbury U3A Hill Strollers	A 6.5 mile undulating walk from the centre of Bishop's Castle which heads south on the Shropshire Way then north west to Bishop's Moat before returning on a little known track to the Castle Hotel for lunch. Meet 10:00 at the Castle Hotel, Bishop's Castle. This is a members only walk	Contact Audrey Menhinick 07963 590641 (members only)
Friday 24 September			
24	Age UK Shropshire	A 45-60 minute steady paced walk taking in part of the Shropshire Way along the River Severn in Shrewsbury. There may be some minor slopes, steps or cobbled areas. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing. No dogs except assistance dogs - please let us know if you need to bring one. Meet 10:45 by the steps in Frankwell car park	Contact Samantha Owen 01743 233123 or enquiries@ageukstw.org.uk
25	Bishop's Castle Walking Group, Steve Timm	Meet 09:30 at Harley Street car park (behind the Co-op) for an 8 mile walk with the option of opting out after 5 miles. The route will go south from the town, up to Bishop's Moat, Mainstone and Reilth and back to Bishop's Castle along the Shropshire Way from Middle Woodbatch	Contact the walk leader, Steve Timm, 01588 638999



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26	Walking for Health, Telford & Wrekin	Come and experience a small portion of the Shropshire Way as part of the regular Walking for Health, Telford and Wrekin walks. Meet 10:15 at the Woolpack car park, TF2 0LW for a 60 minute walk	Contact Lynne Kay 07512 123995
Saturday 25 September			
27	Whitchurch Walkers are Welcome and Whitchurch Walkers, Baz Fewster	A 6 mile easy walk starting from Sherry Mill Hill car park, Whitchurch SY13 1BN (SJ 538 416). Meet 1:15 for a 1:30 start. The route follows the Shropshire Way Main Route to Grindley Brook and returns to the start via the old Shropshire Way. Whitchurch has been settled since Roman times and boasts a thriving and friendly community. Following the walk, we will adjourn to The Old Town Hall Vaults, birthplace of the composer Sir Edward German to enjoy the hospitality of hosts Caz & Gaz	Via the Walks Programme page of the Whitchurch Walkers website www.whitchurchwalkers.co.uk/programme.html
28	Shropshire Young Ramblers, Jon Haycox	A 6 mile circular walk in the scenic and historic hills of Pulverbatch, Cothercott and Wilderley	More information and link to book at www.syr.org.uk/walk/461
29	Telford & East Shropshire Ramblers, Anne Suffolk	An 8.5 mile moderate route with 1200 feet of ascent, mostly gradual but some short steep sections. Walk the highest path on the Shropshire Way to Shropshire's highest point, the summit of Brown Clee. An ancient Iron Age track, a hill fort, industrial heritage, woods, moors and open country with outstanding 360 degree views. Starting from Abdon Village Hall, SY7 9HZ (SO576868) at 10:20 (from Ditton Priors follow the signs for Abdon. After about 2.5 miles you will see the Abdon noticeboard. Keep to the right. After 0.5 miles you will see the Village Hall on the left, just before St. Margaret's Church)	Booking essential as limited car parking. Contact the walk leader, Anne Suffolk, 07903 325011